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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Current Intelligence
FROM : Chief, China and Asian Satellites Division
SUBJECT : Preliminary Evaluation [redacted] Mission C 065C
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1. This mission-- [redacted] --obtained coverage of a large number of military targets in South China, Laos and North Vietnam. Much of the photography duplicated other recent photography.

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2. The coverage of South China was highlighted by photography of Kunming Airfield. This was the first photography of this airfield since the increase in the number of jet fighters at Mengtzu was initially detected [redacted]. The present mission disclosed 31 MIG-15/17 jet fighters at Kunming--the normal complement. Because of adverse weather conditions we still do not have coverage of some of the other bases in the area--such as Nanning or Suihsi--from which the additional fighters at Mengtzu might have come. Therefore, we are still unable to determine whether there was an augmentation in jet fighter strength in the area following the most recent US air strike.

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3. Many of the barracks areas which house troops of the 13th and 14th Armies were covered again, with no new significant developments noted. Construction was noted at the Ningerh ammunition storage depot north of Ssumao. The nature of the construction was not reported; the storage facilities there are perhaps being enlarged.

4. Coverage of the areas in Laos and North Vietnam disclosed no significant developments except that Muong Sing Airfield is now usable. It had been reported unserviceable [redacted]

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